

BRIEF HISTORY

Most recently activated on January 1, 1993, the 377th Air Base Wing is the host wing for Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. The 377th is part of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center. The wing is composed of the 377th Mission Support Group, the 377th Medical Group, the 377th Maintenance Group, the 377th Security Forces Group, and the 377th Comptroller Squadron. The 377th draws its heritage from its service in South Vietnam and subsequent re-location to Germany.



377th Combat Support Group (1966-1972)

The origins of the 377th Air Base Wing began with the establishment, activation, and organization of the 377th Combat Support Group on April 8, 1966, at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, South Vietnam, where it was subordinate to Seventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces. The 377th replaced the 6250th Combat Support Group as the air base host and was responsible for operation and maintenance of the Air Force part of Tan Son Nhut Air Base including housing of numerous tenant organizations such as Headquarters Seventh Air Force. The group was also responsible for Bin Thuy Air Base from May to July 1970.

377th Air Base Wing (1972-1973)

The unit was re-designated the 377th Air Base Wing on January 17, 1972, and gained tactical and combat units including 8th and 9th Special Operations Squadrons, 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron, 310th Tactical Airlift Squadron, and 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron.

Wing personnel operated the Southeast Asia Central Instructor Pilots School from February to November 1972 and a Combat Crew Training School at Phu Cat, South Vietnam, from March to October 1972. During 1972 wing personnel continued to support the war effort to include those of the 8th Special Operations Squadron who conducted strike missions using A-37s; of the 9th Special Operations Squadron who performed psychological warfare operations with O-2s and C-47s; and members of the 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron who conducted airborne radio-direction finding operations and psychological operations from C/EC-47s.



377 Combat Support Group security forces repulsed an assault on Tan Son Nhut Air Base during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

377th Combat Support Wing (1985-1991)

The unit was reactivated as the 377th Combat Support Wing on June 14, 1985, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, subordinate to the 316th Air Division, Seventeenth Air Force, United States Air Forces in Europe. The wing replaced the 86th Combat Support Group and provided support services for Ramstein and other locations in the Kaiserlautern military community through May 1, 1991, when the wing was again inactivated.

LINEAGE SUMMARY

COMMANDERS

Col George Budway, 8 Apr 1966
Col Grover K. Coe, 8 Oct 1966
Col Farley E. Peebles, 4 Oct 1967
Col Benjamin B. Shields, 26 Jul 1968
Col Frank E. Marek, ca Sep 1969
Col Harold E. Hobbs, 31 Jul 1970
Col Charles D. Gunn, Jr., 10 Jul 1971
Col David A. Odell, 27 Jun 1972 - 28 Mar 1973
Col Leslie A. Hobgood, 14 Jun 1985
Col Eugene A. Lupia, 28 Jul 1986
Col William D. Eckert, 15 Jun 1988
Col Adelbert W. Carpenter, 12 Jan 1990 - 1 May 1991
Brig Gen James L. Higham, 1 Jan 1993
Col Felix Sanchez, 6 Nov 1993
Brig Gen Charles H. Perez, 14 Feb 1994
Col Elizabeth A. Harrell, 14 Jun 1995
Col Gary D. Dills, 18 Nov 1996
Col Polly A. Peyer, 2 Jun 1999
Col Jan D. Eakle, 20 Sep 2000
Col Kathleen D. Close, 25 Jan 2002
Col Henry L. Andrews, Jr., 10 Jul 2003
Col Terence A. Feehan, 7 Jul 2005
Col Robert E. Suminsby, Jr., 24 Jul 2006
Col Michael S. Duvall, 22 Jul 2008
Col Robert L. Maness, 16 Apr 2010
Col John C. Kubinec, 19 Dec 2011
Col Tom D. Miller, 11 Jul 2013
Col Eric H. Froehlich, 21 May 2015

ASSIGNMENTS

Hq Space and Missile Systems Center, 1 Jan 1993
Hq Air Armament Center, 1 Oct 1998
Hq Air Force Materiel Command, 3 May 2004
Hq Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, 31 Mar 2006 - Present

STATION

Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, 1 Jan 1993 - Present

DECORATIONS

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V for Periods:
8 Apr 1966 - 31 May 1967, 31 Jan 1968 - 31 Mar 1968
1 Apr 1969 - 31 Mar 1971, 17 Jan 1972 - 28 Mar 1973
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for Periods:
14 Jun 1985 - 13 Jun 1987, 1 May 1989 - 30 Apr 1991
1 Apr 2004 - 31 Mar 2006, 1 Jul 2011 - 30 Jun 2013
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

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LINEAGE SUMMARY (CONT'D)

PRIOR DESIGNATIONS

377th Combat Support Group, 8 Apr 1966
377th Air Base Wing, 17 Jan 1972-28 Mar 1973
377th Combat Support Wing, 14 Jun 1985-1 May 1991

PRIOR STATIONS

Tan Son Nhut AB, S Vietnam, 8 Apr 1966-28 Mar 1973
Ramstein AB, Germany, 14 Jun 1985-1 May 1991

PRIOR AIRCRAFT FLOWN

C/VC-47; VC-54; VC-123; C/VC-118; T-39;
A-37; C-123; C-7; EC-47; O-2

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS

Vietnam Air
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phases I, II, III, IV
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969
Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V, VII
Vietnam Ceasefire

CURRENT COMPONENTS

377th Mission Support Group, 1 Jan 1993-Present
377th Medical Group, 1 Jan 1993-Present
377th Maintenance Group, 1 Dec 2011-Present
377th Security Forces Group, 15 Aug 2011-Present
377th Comptroller Squadron, 1 Jan 1993-Present



EMBLEM

The emblem was approved on May 2, 1995. The light blue background represents the sky, the element in which the USAF performs its mission. The red, white, and blue strips represent the colors of the U.S.A. The globe, from which a stylized aircraft issues and pierces the blue firmament, depicts the role of the USAF in support of world peace. The tiger's head superimposed on the globe symbolizes the aggressiveness of the wing in its pursuit of excellence and the fierce pride of its heritage.



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377th AIR BASE WING

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